BARBER HIS OWN DYNAMITER?

POLICE THINK IT LOOKS THAT WAY AND ARREST STRAVALLI.

His Family Was Sleeping Out When the "Black Hand" Myth Exploded in His Shop-He Was Wandering-His Belongings Well Insured-Jailed on Suspicion

If the police size up Joseph Stravalli and the "dynamite outrage" in his barber shop correctly, there is a new variation of an old, old game. Stravalli's place was blown all to pieces with something early yesterday morning. Before that the barber had made frequent complaints to the police about "Black Hand" letters containing threats to dynamite him if he didn't hand over \$500. He had also conveyed to the same sceptics hints about a dark and mysterious patron who muttered threats through the lather while Stravalli was shaving him.

Of course, the "Black Hand" organization is a myth, but the Italian blackmailers. who are very clever at taking advantage of all things that can terrify their victims, have been signing "Black Hand" to their letters. The police now say that this untutored Italian genius, Stravalli, blew up his own shop to collect the insurance on it, and he is under arrest.

The barber shop is at 417 Third avenue. There is a five story tenement above it. The Stravalli family lives in the rear. A stock of cigars is carried in the barber

At 12:15 yesterday morning an awful explosion in the shop blew the chairs into twisted fragments of iron, bent the whole front outward and sent the wooden cigar Indian into the middle of the street. Most of the furniture of the Stravalli family was smashed.

Fire followed the explosion, and there was a panic in the tenement above, in which sixteen-year-old Anna Blake walked off the roof onto the next building and sprained her ankle. A hook and ladder company got the rest of the tenants out safely and put out the fire before much damage was

Policeman McGreery of the East Thirtyfifth street station rushed into the rear room to find out what had happened to the Stravalli family. No one was there Neighbors said that Mrs. Stravalli and her family had gone to the house of the Gustachis, her cousins, at 286 East Twentyninth street. The police went up there and found them, all but the barber. Mrs. Stravalli said that she didn't understand

and found them, all but the parper. Airs. Stravalli said that she didn't understand English.

About 3:30 A. M. Stravalli passed down Third avenue with the air of a man who is going home tired. He stopped before his ahop, viewed the damage with a startled air, and burst into loud lamentations. He wept until the sobs shook his frame, but the police, who were watching him closely, noticed that he didn't shed a tear. It was all dry weeping. Then he didn't say anything about his wife and family until they were mentioned to him, when he rushed into the back room to see if they were there, and burst into loud cries of thanksgiving when he found that they were not.

All this looked curious to the police. They asked Stravalli where his family had gone. He protested that he didn't know; he mentioned a number of friends and their addresses, but didn't say anything about Mrs. Stravalli's cousins, where the family had already been found.

To be on the safe side the police arrested him. He had violent hysterics at that point. He pulled a set of papers from his pocket and began tearing and chewing them in his rage and grief. One of these papers was his barber's license; the others.

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When they searched him in the police station, however, they found some important papers which he hadn't torn up. They were two fire insurance policies—one on the furniture of the barber shop for \$1,500 and the other on his household furniture for \$400.

Capt. Shire took the case in hand early yesterday morning. Mrs. Stravalli and most of the children were mum, but one of the little girls made an important state-

the little girls made an important statement:

"Papa told us to go over to our cousin's to sleep," she said.

Mrs. Schilling, who keeps a bakery next door, remembered having heard footsteps in the barber shop just before the explosion. Whoever set off that bomb got inside the place, for the centre of destruction is in the rear part of the shop, just in front of the partition which separates the shop from the family rooms.

Stravalli said he had spent the evening plaving cards at Twenty-third street and

playing cards at Twenty-third street and First avenue. He couldn't locate the place First avenue. He couldn't locate the place exactly, but yesterday afternoon Detective Sergeants Farley and Petrosino found it. The proprietor said that Stravalli had not been there on Sunday night. Later, when Assisiant Fire Marshal DeMalignon questioned him; he made a complete flop, and said that Stravalli had been there all

evening.

In the Yorkville police court, Magistrate Cornell held Stravalli in \$1,500 ball. Assistant Fire Marshal De Malignon arraigned him as "a suspect in arson." Stravalli bewailed his fate bitterly as he was led to

The plot, if it is a plot, was laid rather cleverly, and is brand new. There have been so many cases of blackmailing letters to wealthy Italians recently that the police are disposed to listen to any tale about "blood money" letters. Stravalli took such a letter to the Fast Thirty-fifth street station. It contained a demand for \$500, to be left in a certain place, at a certain time. At the suggestion of the police, he went to the place with a dummy package, shadowed a plain clothes man. No one appeare by a plain clothes man. No one appeared to take the money. Later he reported another letter, and still later a conversation with a mysterious stranger, who warned him that he'd better pay up. All this was in accordance with regular Italian black-"But his acting was very poor," the police

The handwriting of the two "Black Hand" letters will be examined by an expert if necessary, but last night Capt. Shire said that the police were working upon a very promising clue.

MANIAC SCARES CHILDREN. Liebovitz Became Violent in Park and

Gave Captors a Hard Fight. The children and nurse girls who throng about the West Fifty-ninth street entrance of Central Park were stampeded vesterday

afternoon by a nicely dressed middle age man, who bore down on them, swinging his arms and shouting. He dashed back and forth among the women and children and sent the pedestrians along the sidewalk flying. It was plain that he was a lunatic. Policeman James T. Smith happened to be near by. He started for the maniac who ran shouting:

"Help. They're trying to murder me " He led Smith a long chase. When the policeman finally tackled him from behind the lunatic put up a lively scrap, and Smith had much trouble in getting handcuffs

on him. Dr. Kernan came with an ambulance from the Flower Hospital in answer to Smith's call. The doctor and the cophad another lively fight before they put their man in the ambulance.

Papers in the man's clothes showed that he was Hyman Liebovitz of S. Liebovitz

He was taken to the York ville police court and from there committed to the insane ward at Bellevue. He was getting more violent all the time, and though in a strait-

Members of his family will send him to a private asylum as soon as he can be moved. He is 40 years old and had never shown pronounced symptoms of insanity, they

CAPT. LIEBHARDT A SUICIDE. superintendent of Dead Letter Office Found Dead at His Desk.

Washington, Sept. 12.--Capt. David P. Liebhardt, Superintendent of the Dead Letter Office, Post Office Department, committed suicide some time last evening, his body being found seated at his desk in the Department. He went to h is office early in the evening, and when discovered by the night watchman his body was cold, he having in the meantime fired a .32-calibre bullet into his forehead.

He left letters addressed to his wife, a friend in the office and to Auditor French of the Navy Department. From these it was evident that his mind was unbalanced, for he mentioned his almost uncontrollable mpulse to commit suicide and the fear that he was becoming insane. No other cause for the deed is known. His office was under investigation during the postal scandal inquiry, but was found in good conscandal inquiry, but was found in good condition. He leaves a wife and one daughter, Miss Inez Liebhardt, who was confidential clerk in the office of August W. Machen, late chief of the free delivery division of the Department, convicted of postal frauds. Miss Liebhardt a month or two ago was transferred from the Department to the post office at Los Angeles at a reduced salary.

capt. Liebhardt had been suffering from nervous prostration and had only recently returned from a long vacation taken with the hope of restoring his health. He was a native of Indiana and served in the civil war. He was about 60 years of age.

The publicity given his daughter's name in connection with the postal inquiry, it is said, worried Capt. Liebhardt greatly. He had been connected with the postal service for twenty years. He was a member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, having been discharged as a First Lieutenant of Volunteers on Jan. 3, 1866. He was born in Milton, Ind., Dec. 11, 1844, and enlisted as a private on

Dec. 11, 1844, and enlisted as a private on Oct. 6, 1861, in Company E, Fifty-seventh Indiana Volunteers. From the ranks he rose successfully to Commissary Sergeant, Quartermaster Sergeant and Regimental Quartermaster, with the rank of First Lieutenant. Ward Burlingame, chief clerk of the Dead

Letter Office, has been designated as Acting Chief until the return of Postmaster-General INCREASE OF POSTAL RECEIPTS.

Larger in August Than in the Same Month of Any Year in the Past Decade. WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.-Postal receipts

for August of this year were larger by many housands of dollars than the same month of any year in the past decade. The Post Office Department made public to-day a statement showing the gross receipts for August, 1904, as compared with the corresponding month of last year at the fifty argest offices in the United States. The total for these fifty offices aggregates \$5,332,825, as compared with \$4,728,008 in August of last year. This is an increase of more than \$604,000, or about 18 per cent. Nearly one-fifth of this gain was contributed by the New York Post Office, which of course, stands at the head of the list. The receipts there this August were \$1,070,-

Increceipts there this August were \$1,070,-969. A year ago they were \$943,218. This is a gain of nearly \$125,000.

In only two of the fifty largest post offices were the receipts for the month of August lower this year than in 1903, namely, at Albany, N. Y., and Hartford, Conn., where a decline of about 3 per cent. in each case was registered. Columbus, Ohio, showed the largest increase with 33 AT per cent. was registered. Columbus, Ohio, showed the largest increase, with \$3.67 per cent.
On account of the fair at St. Louis the post office there made larger returns by 25 per cent., the receipts increasing from \$232,192 in August, 1903, to \$298,437 in 1904.
At Chicago the increase was from \$748,292 to \$277,292; Philadelphia, \$306,155 to \$335,051; Reston \$277,092 to \$271,094. Brooklyn. Boston, \$277,092 to \$301,954; Brooklyn,

118,074.

If the pace set in July and August continues throughout the year the postal officials say that the present fiscal year will be the banner year in the history of

ARMY OFFICERS DISMISSED.

Sentences of Lieuts. White, Smith and

Collins Approved by the Persident. mposed on Second Lieuts. William W. White and Charles F. Smith. Thirteenth Infantry, stationed at the Presidio of San Francisco, who were tried by court-martial and ordered dishonorably discharged from the army, have been approved by the President. The President has also approved the sentence of dismissal imposed on First

sentence of dismissal imposed on First Lieut. Harry J. Collins, Twenty-eighth infantry, who was recently tried by courtmartial in the Philippines. The specifications in the case of Lieut. Collins were alleged irregularities in connection with the pay accounts of enlisted men.

Lieuts. White and Smith were tried on practically identical charges, the specifications alleging that the two men were guilty of intoxication, of being absent from duty without leave, and of having entertained "undesirable persons" in their quarters.

tained "undesirable persons" in their quarters.

Lieut. Smith is the grandson of Major-Gen. Charles F. Smith, who died soon after the battle of Shiloh, when he had already won considerable fame as a strategist and was coming to be recognized as one of the foremost men in the army. Lieut. Smith graduated from the West Point Military Academy last year. His father is a Lieutenant in the Third Infantry.

Lieut. White was a Captain in the Third Ohio Infantry during the Spanish-American War and entered the Regular service as Second Lieutenant of the Thirteenth Infantry in January, 1902. He is a native of Ohio.

THE SLOCUM INQUIRY.

Federal Commission to Meet Here This Week to Take Further Testimony. WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.-The Federal ommission created to ascertain whether the officers of the Steamboat Inspection Service or the laws under which that service operates were in any way responsible for the Slocum disaster in New York harbor will meet in New York city Thursday morning at 10 o'clock to take further testimony. The hearings will be held, as formerly, in the Whitehall Building, and will be continued until Saturday or Monday. ing the progress of the reinspection of ves-sels in New York harbor, which has been

going on for several weeks.

Movements of Naval Vessels. WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.-The cruisers Denver and Newark (flagship of Rear Admiral Sigsbee) have arrived at Santiago, the torpedo boat Du Pont and the submarine boat Holland at Annapolis, the gunboat Peoria at Newport, the cruisers Brooklyn and Atlanta and the gunboats Marietta and Castine at St. Helena, the destroyer Preble at Monterey, the destroyer Paul Jones at San Francisco, and the despatch boat Mayflower at Pal-

ermo.
The collier Alexander has sailed from Wusung, the port of Shanghai, for Cavite, the training cruisers Minneapolis, Columbia and Prairie from Hampton Roads for Menemsha Bight, via Newport; the collier Nashua from Chemulpo for Chefoo, and the cruiser Iroquois from Honolulu for Midway Islands.
The battleship Ohio was delivered to the Government representative, Capt. Logan, Government representative, Capt. Logan, on Sept. 10, at the Union Iron Works at

Army and Navy Orders. WASHINGTON, Sept. 12 .- The following army Col. David P. Heap. Corps of Engineers, from an Francisco to home and wait retirement.

These navy orders were issued:
Lieutenant-Commander F. C. Bieg, from the Missouri to the Minneapolis as Fleet Engineer, Atlantic training squadron.
Lieutenant-Commander S. H. Leonard, from inspection duty to the Missouri

NONE KEPT OUT OF SCHOOL

SAYS SUPT. MAXWELL: THE NEW RED TAPE IS BENEFICIAL.

It Keeps the Classes From Being Overcrowded With Young Children and Lets Older Ones In-Complaints of the New Rule Causeless—It Will Be Enforced.

Dr. William H. Maxwell, City Superintendent of Schools, gave out a formal statement yesterday about the complaints against the rigid enforcement of the rule that no children about the age of 6 years shall be admitted to the public schools without the production of a certificate of birth, a baptismal certificate, passport or some such record. The statement said:

The number and character of complaints against the requirement of the Board of Education that parents should furnish a birth certificate or a baptismal certificate as evidence of the age of children seeking admission to public schools indicate that the purposes of this rule are not at all understood. In one case, a parent insinuated that in some vague way the acceptance of a baptismal certificate had some sort of religious connection. This is too absurd to need answer. The baptismal certificate interest to the school authorities solely as documentary proof of the child's age, and its acceptance is merely for the convenience of parents who have this record but not a cerificate of birth

If parents would consider the question without prejudice they would see in this regulation provisions that safeguard their own interests by preventing many seats in the schools which are required for older chil dren from being filled by children below the school age. For many years before these requirements were adhered to strictly, it was a matter of common knowledge that many parents who wished to be relieved of the care of their young children during the day would assert that children 3 or 4 years of age were 6 or 7 years old.

The effect of this was to put into class rooms children entirely too young to 10110w the course with benefit and who were consequently a detriment to the other pupils of normal age. They were a nuisance to the teacher, inasmuci as they required a nurse rather than an instructor. To permit such children to fill seats needed for pupils of full school age is to allow a serious injustice to the older children In order that children who evidently are of school age, but whose parents cannot supply ocumentary proof of the fact, may not be kept out of school, I have issued instructions principals to admit children who in their ludgment are 6 years of age and to require presentation of proof at a later date. This will enable parents whose children were born elsewhere to secure records. A copy of the instructions was furnished by Dr. Maxwell to THE SUN reporter. They

say:
You are hereby directed to register and admit children who, in your judgment, are 6 years of age, and if they have not presented a record of birth, &c., you may inform the parent that at a future time to be specified application must be made to the Board of Health for a certificate. * * You are to apply this rule also in the case of parents who are obliged to apply to the Board of Health for vaccination certificates for their children.

Dr. Maxwell was asked by THE SUN reporter what would happen if a parent of a child should apply to have the child ad-mitted to school and yet be unable to pre-sent documentary evidence as to age, as the

sent documentary evidence as to age, as the rule requires.

"There is none such," he replied. "There are no parents in the city who cannot, if they wish, offer us sufficient proof of the child's age. This rule in regard to age is an excellent one, and it is enforced strictly but yet intelligently, and with the interest of the public at heart. There is no desire to keep a single child that is entitled to public education out of the schools. Our aim is to take in as many children as possible, and the rule was adopted for that purpose. You will observe that principals are required, when parents are unable to the time of application to present documentary proof of age and there seems to be some doubt as to whether the child is really under or over 6 years, to receive the some doubt as to whether the child is really under or over 6 years, to receive the pupil temporarily. The parents are allowed a certain length of time in which to obtain the documents certifying the child's age. No hardship is put upon the parents in case the parents do not happen to have the proof with them at the time of making the application."

application. "Suppose that admission to school was refused to a child because the parents could not furnish documentary evidence of age; would that child be liable to arrest for

the child would not be arrested, No, the child would not be arrested, but the parent would be summoned to court to explain why the child was not sent to school. In the Compulsory Education law it is stated that all children between 8 and 16 years old shall attend school. A child under 8 years old cannot legally be a truant. The object of our rule is to keep out of school children under 6 years who would execute the accomposition which out of school children under a years who would occupy the accommodation which properly belong to children who are of an age to reag the benefits of an education."

Whom Supt. Maxwell was asked what legal authority he had for creating such a rule, he replied that it was an ordinance of the Board of Education and under the of the Board of Education and under the Charter such ordinances had the force of laws. He repeated several times that in his opinion there was not a single instance in which a parent could not furnish satisfactory evidence of the child's age in some kind of a decument.

At the office of the Corporation Counsel it was said that the city's legal advisers were not prepared for the moment to give an opinion as to whether or not the Board of Education was going beyond its powers in enforcing the rule, but that the question would be looked into.

IN NO DANGER OF EVICTION. State Department Believes Schnelling's

Rights to His Island Will Be Respected. Washington, Sept. 12.—The letter of Missionary John Schnelling of Ruk, in the Caroline Islands, who, according to newspaper despatches from San Francisco, has appealed to the State Department to protect him from eviction by the German Government, has not been received in Washington. Schnelling has lived on his little island for many years and is virtually a king there.

No information as to the trouble between Schnelling and the German Government has been received here, but State Department officers say that Germany has always been particularly prompt in granting justice to the citizens of other countries in cases of this nature, and they believe that the missionary's rights and privileges are in no danger of being trampled pon. Schnelling claims, it is understood, that the trouble is due entirely to the efforts of German traders, who want a mo-nopely of the copra market in the Caroline

Secretary Hay to Speak at the Peace Congress.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.-Secretary State Hay has accepted the invitation of the thirteenth International Peace Congress to be present at their meeting in Boston on Monday, Oct. 3, and will deliver a brief address on that day as the repre-sentative of the Government of the United States.

Electric Towage on the Canala ALBANY, Sept. 12.-The Legislative Commission appointed to investigate the subject of electrical towage on the State canals met here to-day to receive the report of the sub-committee, of which State Engineer Van Alstyne is chairman. The subcommittee made no very definite recommendations, except that the system to be adopted should be one applicable to all the canals. There was a difference of opinion among the commission as to whether it would not be wise to use different systems on different parts of the proposed barge canal. The sub-committee is to make a supplementary report on this matter.
The commission will meet again on Monday

EXECUTORS SEEK COURT'S AID. Can't Divide Heagland Estate Until Court

George Leaks and Thomas H. Hoagland, executors and trustees under the will of the late Hudson Hoagland, filed a suit in the Supreme Court yesterday against Mahlon Hoagland, a brother of the testator, and the other heirs at law, to obtain from the court a construction of the thirtieth clause of the will executed by Mr. Hoagland on Nov. 1, 1903. The testator died at the Union Square Hotel on Jan. 30. His personal estate was recently appraised at \$2,436,954.

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By his will the testator left \$100,000 to the Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute at Hampton, Va. He bequeathed \$10,000 to the Presbyterian Church at Springfield, Oswego county. After certain minor bequests the testator left legacies to his many nephews and nieces. He left no widow and no children.

By the thirtieth clause of the will, which the executors have called upon the Supreme Court to construe, the testator left "all the residue and remainder of my estate and property—that is to say, all not hereinbefore disposed of, I give, devise and bequeath to my nephews and nieces to be divided between them in the proportions which the respective gifts made to them be to each other."

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In their suit filed by their counsel, Dougherty, Olcott & Tenny, the executors set forth that after the payment of the specific legacies, the debts and the transfer tax, there will be a large amount of property to divide between the nephews and nieces. They say that the thirtieth clause of the will caused them much perplexity and doubt, as they are undecided just what legal construction should be placed upon it and especially whether the testator intended that the descendants of any of his nieces and nephews should share in the distribution where nephews and nieces did after the death of the testator. There are other like questions which the court will be called upon to decide when the case is reached on the calendar.

MARY ALMAROLIA'S ESTATE.

Her Interest in Property Which See Left to Her White Foster Sons Is Very Small. WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.-Papers to be filed in a suit involving the estate of Mary Almarolia, the negress who died here recently leaving what was supposed to be a fortune to her two white foster sons, Lewis and Joseph Alexander, indicate that her interest in Washington property was very rmall. It was reported that she was worth \$75,000. Lewis Alexander is the reputed son of a wealthy Southerner who served as a United States Minister

Most of Mrs. Almarolia's property was embraced in a city block purchased by her father, Michael Shiner, who died in 1880. The papers in the lawsuit involving this ground show that she disposed of half of it to W. F. Holtzman and one-half of the remainder to A. F. Holtzman. Subsequently, there was a rearrangement of remainder to A. F. Holtzman. Subsequently there was a rearrangement of their respective shares and Mrs. Almarolia was given title to twenty-two-sixtieths of the property. Afterward she alleged that the transfer was secured by duress and fraud. The suit will soon come to trial

Charles Grayson, a negro, has made an affidavit alleging that Mary Almarolia's half-sister was his mother. He says that Lewis Alexander's father, a fine looking man, known as "Colonel," and whose name Grayson gives, went occasionally to Mrs. Almarolia's house to see the boys and that the mother went more frequently. Grayson says also that Mrs. Almarolia had a daughter by her Italian husband, who doesn't wish to attain notoriety by appearing as a contestant in the will proceed-

\$10,000 TO HIS "DEAR FRIEND." Harry G. Cox Rewards in His Will an Attractive Widow's Devetion.

The will of Harry G. Cox, the glove manufacturer's agent, who died on the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm II. when returning from Europe on July 31, was filed yesterday in the Surrogates' office. It disposes of an estate valued at \$32,000. The most interesting of

astate valued at \$32,000.

The most interesting of the will's provisions is one which bequeaths \$10,000 to "my dear friend, Stella B. Hilbron of S West Ninety-second street, in appreciation of years of devotion and services rendered to me by her." certain specific legacies to his

sisters, father and mother, the testator leaves the residue of his estate to his brother, leaves the residue of his estate to his prother, Arthur E. Cox, one of the proprietors of a large delicatessen store in Boston, Mass. The will names as executors Stephen C. Baldwin and Fritz Walz.

Mr. Cox was a bachelor. He lived at the Hotel Imperial, but his home was in Truro, N. S., where his relatives reside. He was returning there when he died.

Leaver Hitchings of the firm of Hitchings.

Lawyer Hitchings of the firm of Hitchings & Palliser, who presented the will for probate, told reporters lest night that the estate consisted, he thought, wholly of

estate consisted, he thought, wholly of life insurance.

"Mrs. Hilbron, who receives a large share of the estate," said he, "is a very pretty French widow to whom Mr. Cox was probably engaged to be married. They had known each other intimately for a long time, I believe, and from the will I should judge that she had some time rendered him valuable service. She is a very attractive woman."

Mrs. Hilbron herself, who is young, dark haired and bright eyed, said:

"I have nothing to say about Mr. Cox's will, thank you. No, nothing at all."

SEIZED STATUE OF THE VIRGIN.

Doner Wanted \$500 for It After It Was

Blessed. A statue of the Blessed Virgin was displayed yesterday by Frank De Crescenzi, a barber, of 510 Avenue D, Bayonne, N. J., in the rear yard of his shop and the public was invited to inspect it. One thousand colored electric lights were ranged about the statue and strung on the house and lit. Italians viewed the barber's act as a desecra-tion. The police were on hand to prevent

toon. The ponce were on hand to prevent trouble.

De Crescenzi said that he owned the statue, which cost \$500, and had a right to exhibit it for his own pleasure. He said he was celebrating the Feast of the Assumption, which occurred several weeks ago. The statue, according to the Rev. Father Michael Mercolino, rector of Our Lady of the Assumption Italian Catholic Church, in West Twenty-third street, was presented by De Crescenzi to the church, but after it had been blessed he demanded \$500 for it. The congregation offered to pay \$220, but the barber refused that price and removed the statue. the statue.

DIED WITH HER RAG DOLLY. Child Found Clutching Her Toy After

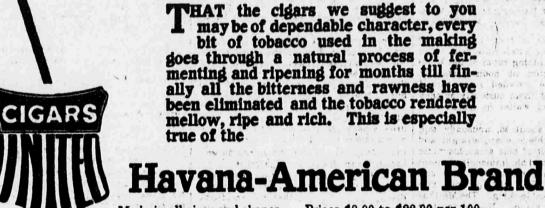
Falling Four Stories. The mother of four-year-old Alma Rola dona, who lived at 11 Jones street, made her a rag doll vesterday afternoon, and the child went out on the fire escape to play with it. The mother heard Alma scream and ran out on the fire escape. The child was lying on the sidewalk, four stories below, dead. The rag doll was tightly below, dead. The reclutched in her hand.

Senator Patterson to Wed Mrs. Nagle. CHEYENNE, Wyo., Sept. 12 .- The anouncement of the engagement of Senator Thomas M. Patterson of Colorado to Mrs. Mabel Nagle, the divorced wife of George H. Nagle of Cheyenne, a wealthy grocer, has caused surprise here. Senator Patter-son and Mrs. Nagle attended a Wild West show here last week together, but few thought they were intensely interested in

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

The meeting of the Baptist ministers' conference on Sept. 26 will take the form of a memorial gather-ing for the late Dr. George C. Lorimer. A deficiency judgment for \$17,846 was docketed yesterday against J. Clark Read in favor of the executors of the estate of Francis P. Burke, grow-ing out of the foreclosure sale of \$ West Seventy-arth struct, the old Berkeley School.

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EASTERN SHIPBUILDING CO. George R. Sheldon Buys the Big Plant in

Groton, Conn., at Auction. NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 12.-At 1:30 clock this afternoon the Eastern Shipbuilding Company's plant at Groton which was owned by the defunct United States Shipbuilding Company, was sold formally at auction by James Smith, Jr., special master acting under the order of the United States Circuit Court for the

the United States Circuit Court for the district of New Jersey.

For the first parcel the minimum bid considered was to be \$125,000 and this sum was bid for the property by George R. Sheldon, chairman of the reorganization committee of the shipbuilding trust. His bid was the only one and the property was struck off to him. The second parcel was bid off for the sum of \$20,000, Mr. Sheldon also receiving this.

After the formalities of the sale, which took place at the north end of the mould

took place at the north end of the mould loft, those attending sat down to a luncheon. About a dozen persons were present, including Charles M. Schwab, James Smith, Jr., George R. Sheldon and the officials of the Eastern Shipbuilding Company.

MAYOR TIRED OF DELAY. Board of Estimate May Try to End Deadlook Over Staten Island Ferry.

Mayor McClellan is becoming dissatisfied with the long delay in completing the ne-gotiations for the purchase of the St. George terminal property of the Staten Island Ferry Company, because of the failure of Comptrol er Grout and Dook Commissioner Featherler Grout and Dock Commissioner Feather-son to agree upon what they think would be a fair price for the property. The Mayor in-timated yesterday that to end the dead-lock the Board of Estimate would endeavor to reach some conclusion which would be just to the city and satisfactory to the

COLUMBIA GRIDIRON STARS OUT. Twenty-three Players Report for Season's

First Practice on South Field. With twenty-three men on hand, Colum-bia's football team held the first practice of the season yesterday on South Field. In view of the extreme heat the work was light, being confined mainly to kicking and passaround the field completed the training for the afternoon. Capt. Stangland was in charge of the players, Coach Morley being absent on business. Dr. H. G. Payne, the new physical director, who trained Jeffries for his first fight with Fitzsimmons, looked after the condition of the men. The num-ber of men is the largest that ever reported on the first day of practice at Columbia, and as the players are mainly big, heavy men, the showing is considered favorable. Capt. Stangland and T. J. Thorp were the only veterans on the field, but Manager Prail has received word from Frambach, Duell,

only veterans on the field, but Manager Prail has received word from Frambach, Duell, Brown and Tomlinson that they will be on hand in a few days.

Stangland and P. D. Willard of the 'os class team did the punting yesterday alternoon, Taibert of the scrub and Finnegan, a former Union College player, passing the ball back. Thorp coached the men on catching the ball.

Among those who were out were B. A. Tintner, scrub quarter back last year; Tunn, a former Cornellian; Stevenson, a freshman from De Witt Clinton; Leslie, from New York Military Academy; A. E. Sedgewick, substitute tackle last season; Donovan, who is trying for quarter back, and Cooper, from the Feter Cooper High School. Black, the all-Southern end and Saunders, former captain of the Andover team, and a good quarter back, will report to-day. J. H. A. Williams, the university champion pole vaulter, who was formerly at Amherst, and Griswold, another Amherst player, will also don their football togs this afternoon.

It was only through the efforts of Manager Prail that the trustees were persuaded to let the eleven have the use of South Field for practice this fall. The progress of the construction work on the dormitory buildings necessitated the digging up and grading of the whole field, which will now be delayed until after the close of the football season.

Thorp and Stangland, the two veterans, are in excellent condition. Thorp tips the beam at 227 pounds, nearly twenty pounds more than he has ever weighed, and is, moreover, hard as nails. Stangland has spent the summer competing for the New York Athletic Club and is in consequence in fair trim.

Thirteen Entries for Auto Boat Championship.

Thirteen auto boats have entered for the races for the American Power Boat Association championship cup, which will be held on Sept. 22, 23 and 24 over the Columbia Yacht Club's course on the Hudson River, starting off the foot of Eighty-sixth street. This cup is a challenge trophy and it was won last spring by the Standard. The Standard has since then been sold out of the club and will not compete. The entries are: Mer-cedes IV., W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., American Y. A.: Vingt et Un. G. S. Kilmer, Chilewa Bay Y. C.: Shooting Star, H. A. Lozier, Jr., anhasset Bay Y. C.; Marcirene II., J. W Allison, Cape May Y. C.; Mercedes II., H. I Bowden, Rhode Island Y. C.; Regina, S. L. Clayton, Philadelphia Y. C.; Catch Me. J. E. Martin, Manhasset Bay Y. C.; Macaroni, C. H. Tangeman, Atlantic Y. C.; Josephir A. J. Buchmann, Jamaica Bay Y. C.; Logarithm F. M. Waterman, Sachem's Head Y. C.; Cricket, Thomas Fearon, Yonkers Corinthian Y. C.; Challenge, Smith and Mabley, Audubon Y. C.; and an unnamed from the Corinthian Y. C. of Stamford. This will be the most important meeting of auto boats that has been held in this country. Among the boats is the Challenge, which went to England to try and capture the British international cup, but failed. J. Buchmann, Jamaica Bay Y. C.: Logarithm

Power Boats to Race on Saturday. The power boat races which were to have Friday, but which were postponed on account of the rough sea, will be held next Sat-urday. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr.'s, Mercedes and several other fast ones are entered.

Grant Ebey, the champion pool player, defeated C. Robinson, last night, at Green's Academy, Broeklyn. Ebey is meeting ama-teurs each night and conceding 25 points in 100. He won last night by 100 to 68. Ebey's high runs were 15, 11 and 9.

LIPTON WANTS A DESIGNER. Talk of Watson and Mylne Being Asso-

clated to Build the Challenger. Sir Thomas Lipton is doing all he can get a designer for his next challenger for the America's Cup. He wants George L. Wat-son to turn out the boat, and although Mr. Watson does not want the job Sir Thomas is bringing all the influence to bear he possibly can. The Yachting World of Sept.

says: "There was an expectation that some definite announcement regarding the arrangements in progress for the lodging of an America's Cup challenge and the pro tion of a challenger would be made before the departure of Sir Thomas Lipton and the steam yacht Erin from the Clyde. Sin Thomas numbers, however, a keen appreciation of horseflesh among his sporting weaknesses, and the attractions of the big horse show at Dublin proved irresistible. Erin weighed anchor one morning toward the end of the week and slipped away across for Kingstown, although the challenge negotiations stood without decison one way or the other. And so they stand yet. As already indicated, the only difficulty which stands in the way is the difficulty of inducing George L. Watson to accept the commission for designing the boat. Every pos-sible inducement and all possible influence has been brought to bear, but Mr. Watson is still unwilling to pledge himself to the dertaking of the immense amount of work

"Bir Thomas Lipton, on the other hand, has set his heart on securing the cooperation of the designer of the Valkyries and of Shamof the designer of the Valkyries and of Shamrock II., and so the matter remains meantime at something of a deadlock. A recent and interesting rumor which is going the rounds of the yachting circles of the Clyde is to the effect that a compromise arrangement has been suggested in which George I. Watson and Alfred Mylne should cooperate for the production of a challenger, Mr. Watson being the senior partner of the combination, but delegating as much of the actual work as possible to Mr. Mylne. In this way it might be possible to secure all the advantage of Mr. Watson's skill and his experience in cup racing without burdening him with the detail work of the challenger. The suggestion has certainly possibilities of interest, and if it could be made it might be found to meet the views of all parties.

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"It is not very surprising that some difficulty has arisen in securing the services of a designer as a preliminary to sending a new orhalts get a superintending details of our designers, one need hardly be surprised to find them unwilling to pay so heavy a penalty for failure again. The odds against them grow greater year by year, and at the same time the task of superintending details of construction becomes heavier. To busy men this is a serious matter, and, if the next matches are not to be sailed under the new rule for how of a challenger because with him there have been none of

MANCRESTER, Vt., Sept. 12.-The Ekwanok golf team to-day defeated the Dorset Field Club-team on the Ekwanok links by 15 to 9.

The scores:

Ekwanok-A. M. Reed, 4; A. L. White, 1; George
H. Thacher, Jr., 0; Clark Burnham, 5; Henry W.
Brown, 5, Total 15.

Dorset Field Club-R. D. Campbell, 0; A. D. Twyfort, 0; G. B. Harrison, 9; A. R. Harrington, 0; M.
Shad, 6, Total 9.

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LAWN TENNIS.

Play Begins for the New Jersey State

Champtonship. On the courts of the St. George Cricket Cluh, Hoboken, N. J., a start was made yes-terday for the New Jersey State lawn tennis championship. Richard Stevens, the veteran base line player, is the title holder and will be on hand for the challenge round. Three strong players were disposed of in the preiminary round, Henry Torrance, Englew Field Club, and Charles F. Watson, Orange L. T. C., defaulting, and S. A. Westfall, the East Jersey champion, winning from the Morristown Field Club crack, K. H. Behr. n straight sets. Harold H. Hackett, the old Yale champion, won his first round easily from G. B. Schley, and Harry F. Alien, the Southern champion, defeated Dr. Wadsworth of the West Side T. C. The feature of the afternoon was the close struggle between the two Kings County Tennis Club players, F. G. Anderson and S. A. Westfall, the former winning by two sets to one. After the sets were tied Westfall had a lead of 5-2, but

a sharp rally by Anderson gave him five straight games and the match. Men's Singles—Preliminary round—Harold H. Hackett, West Side Tennis Club, defeated Henry Torrance, Jr., Englewood Field Club, by default, G. B. Schley defeated Charles P. Watson, Jr., Orange L. T. C., by default; Samuel A. Westfall, Kings County T. C., defeated K. Behr, Morristowa, Field Club, 6-1, 6-2; Frederick G. Andersea, Kings County T. C., defeated W. M. Tidder, 2-7, 10-11.

IMPORTED COLLIES WIN. J. Pierpont Morgan Buys Four of the

Foreign Dogs at Newport Show. NEWPORT, R. I., Sept. 12.-The Newport log show opened this morning at the Casino and there was a large attendance all day. It is the largest open air show ever held in the the show ring of the horse show being used

for the judging.

The greatest interest in the show was taken in the classes for collies, in which sev-eral well known dogs were imported from England to compete with the entries of J Pierpont Morgan.

The imported dogs were so successful that during the afternoon it was announced that Mr. Morgan had purchased four of them

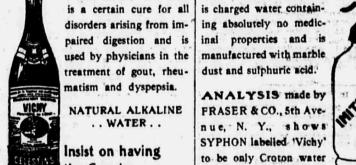
that Mr. Morgan had purchased four of them from W. E. Eason to be delivered after the show. For them Mr. Morgan paid \$5,000. Two of these dogs are Annandale Piccolo and Parbold Purity. Both beat the Morgan entries, the former taking four firsts and the latter three.

A class which attracted much attention was that for old English sheepdogs, in which there were entries from Frohman and Dillingham, Mrs. Richard Harding Davis and Mrs. George S. Thomas. The women's entries were successful, Mrs. Davis taking a first and second and Mrs. Thomas a first.

The Thomas W. Lawson dogs were first seen in the classes for Dalmatians, His Spot taking a second and Socks being highly commended, Dr. C. A. Lougest took first and shird honors. In the classes for buildogs the Lawson entries came to the front.

The classes for French bulls also were interesting, and in these there were entries of Reginald C. Vanderbilt, Mrs. W. G. Reelker and Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont. In the bull terrier classes, Mrs. Burke Roche had a number of entries and her Elm Court Molly Bawn was successful as a blue ribbon winner, while others of her entries took other ribbons.

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